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15. DIRC: NO; ~~NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT~~
16. SUMMARY 1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ON 19 FEBRUARY 1977, SOURCE STATED THAT THE TERRORIST PROBLEM IN THE CITY OF CORDOBA WAS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTANT. Sec. 3.3(b) (1) ATTRIBUTED MOST OF SUCCESS TO GOOD INTELLIGENCE, POSITIVE ACTION BY THE TROOPS AND THE EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP OF MG MENENDEZ, III CORPS COMMANDER. HE COMMENTED THAT CORDOBA HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN A HOTBED OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY BUT NOW HAS BEEN PACIFIED AND IS A RELATIVELY PEACEFUL CITY. HE INDICATED THAT THE TERRORIST'S INFRASTRUCTURE HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY DISRUPTED AND THOSE GUERRILLAS THAT HAVE SURVIVED THE MILITARY'S ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN HAVE PROBABLY MIGRATED TO BUENOS AIRES. THE SOURCE DID NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT A FEW SUBVERSIVES MIGHT STILL REMAIN IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL AND COULD CARRY OUT ISOLATED ATTACKS OF TERRORISM, BUT CLASSIFIED THE THREAT AS MARGINAL.
2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE STATED THAT THE LAST MAJOR ACTION IN WHICH Sec. 3.3(b) (1) OCCURRED IN NOVEMBER 1976. HIS BRIGADE LEARNED OF THE PRESENCE OF THREE LEADERS OF A MONTONERO CELL WHO WERE HIDING IN A CORDOBA SUBURB. TROOPS FROM THE IV BRIGADE CORDONED OFF THE BLOCK CONTAINING THE HOUSE AND EVACUATED ITS INHABITANTS. THEY LEARNED FROM THE NEIGHBORS, THAT IN ADDITION TO THE TERRORIST LEADERS, THERE WERE SEVERAL WOMEN AND AT LEAST SIX CHILDREN IN THE RESIDENCE. THE TROOP COMMANDER INVITED THE SUBVERSIVES TO SURRENDER OVER A BULL HORN AT WHICH TIME THE CHILDREN EXITED THE HOUSE. WHEN THE CHILDREN WERE OUT OF RANGE, THE GUERRILLAS COMMENCED FIRING WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT UNLIKE MANY ARMY ORGANIZATIONS, III CORPS UNITS SPECIFICALLY THE IV BRIGADE, WILL NOT ENGAGED THE TERRORISTS WITH SMALL ARMS. THE COMMANDER MOVED IN RECOILESS RIFLES AND BAZOOKAS AND TERMINATED THE FIRE FIGHT ALMOST AS QUICKLY AS IT BEGAN. A SEARCH OF THE AREA FOLLOWING THE GUN BATTLE REVEALED LARGE QUANTITIES OF US DOLLARS, FRENCH FRANCS AND BRITISH POUNDS. THE ARMY CONFISCATED THE MONEY, PART OF WHICH WAS USED FOR

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GARRISON RENOVATION AND OTHER CIVIC PROJECTS.
COMMENT: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE
BATTLE AGAINST TERRORISM IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA
WAS TERMINATED. THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND
THAT THE PROVINCE WAS SAFER THAN BUENOS AIRES. WHETHER
HIS ASSESSMENT IS ACCURATE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. RECENT
Sec. 3.3 (b) (1) TERRORIST ACTIVITY WOULD SUGGEST THAT HE IS CORRECT
SINCE THE MAJORITY OF GUERRILLA ACTIONS OF LATE HAVE
FOCUSED ON THE FEDERAL CAPITAL AND SURROUNDING SUBURBS.
Sec. 3.3(b) (1) COMMENT: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ [redacted]
[redacted] THE EXPLOSION WHICH DESTROYED THE
CORDOBA MOVIE THEATER SHOWING "VICTORY AT ENTEBBE"
RECENTLY, WAS NOT AN ANTI-SEMITIC ACT, AS GENERALLY
BELIEVED. INSTEAD, IT WAS AN ARMY OPERATION EXECUTED
TO DESTROY THE SHOP LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE ENTRANCE
OF THE THEATER. THE SHOP BELONGED TO TERRORISTS WHO,
Sec. 3.3(b) (1) [redacted] HAD BEEN CONNECTED
WITH A TERRORIST PLAN TO KIDNAP THE DAUGHTER OF MGEN
MENENDEZ, III CORPS COMMANDER.
THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORD WITH EMBASSY.
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